THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) No, Sir. There is no amount lying unused in Employees' Provident Fund Organisation due to being disputed. All Provident Fund monies are invariably invested and held by the Fund on behalf of workers.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Miserable condition of domestic servants

†1809. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the domestic servants are living in a miserable condition;

(b) if so, whether Government would take steps to safeguard the rights of domestic servants;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) to (d) Attention of the Government has been drawn from time to time to the plight of domestic workers. Such workers form part of the unorganised labour force. There are several social security schemes like: Jan Shree Bima Yojana (Group Insurance), recently launched Universal Health Insurance Scheme (UHIS), Pension Schemes for persons above 55 years of age amongst others also available to the workers engaged in the unorganised sector including domestic workers.

Rate of interest on EPF

1810. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the uncertainty about the rate of interest on EPF deposits has been agitating the mind of the workers;

(b) if so, the steps taken to remove the misgiving and to settle the issues; and

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